

We have a major concern of the need to limit media ownership to protect diversity of speech. We support the regulations that a company cannot own both a TV station and newspaper in the same market. We certainly suffer from the domination of the Gannet corporation in Arizona and want their exception removed. We won't watch their channel 12 or subscribe to the AZ Republic. Then there is Clear Channel owning 8 radiostations/majority of billboard ads, and Emmis owning 4 radio stations and one TV station in this area as well.

Committee member Kathy Abernathy has a closed attitude that voiced concerns are from fear of "what if." She has not attended public forums to listen to peoples' objections and concerns, and does not seem to respect the input of others.

Please don't allow an increase of percentage of ownership, it would be so difficult to go back. It is not in anyone's best interest to allow for more mergers.

Thank you for considering the impact change would make. We support the limitations for the protection of diversity of speech.